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TOPIC Brand Airfield
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1. Between 8 and 10 a. m. on 24 January 1952, [redacted] 25 type-27 and type-30 aircraft and 3 Po-2s at Brand airfield. Four type-27 planes were identified. Between 10 a. m. and 3 p. m. the aircraft [redacted]

practiced take-offs and landings. (1) [redacted] During intermittent observations made between 7 and 27 January, [redacted] that there was 25X1 night flying by Po-2s. During air activity at night the rotatable searchlight at the Krausnick radio installation was in operation. Snow was cleared from the runway and taxiway by two or three tractors.

2. All type-27 aircraft fitted with plexiglass cockpits [redacted] (2) 25X1
[redacted] man seated in the cockpit. A radar blister was seen below the forward third of the fuselage. 25X1
Two machine gun barrels projected from the rear gunner's station. On 26 December 1951, some type-30 aircraft without nose turrets or machine guns in the rear turrets were seen. The planes observed on 26 December and 4 January, [redacted]
[redacted] could not be identified. (3)

3. [redacted] the noise of the engines of jet bombers being started was heard for 3 or 4 minutes. At first a high pitched whistling sound was heard and then the roaring thunder of turbines in operation. [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] only a light trail of smoke emanated from the jets of the bomber aircraft while flames were seen from the jets of the fighter aircraft. The smoke of the jet bombers disappeared when they became airborne. New German workers were hired at the field. Other workers who had been discharged were re-employed on the construction of airfield buildings.

4. The Neue Schenke radio installation with four masts was moved about 150 meters to the northeast. (4) The radio installation with one mast was still at Krausnick. On 17 January, a radio truck with a wooden superstructure 2 meters high and a red antenna 6 or 7 meters high mounted just behind the drivers cabin was observed 30 meters west of Neue Schenke radio installation. There was no flying that day.

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5. Clearings for six new low wooden buildings were observed in forest district No 70 at the intersection of the lanes dividing forest districts 70/69 and 60/59. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] the erection of 14 new quarters was planned. (5) After darkness the bomb dump at the field was illuminated. A German fire truck was assigned to the fire brigade stationed at the field.

6. From 1 to 2 p. m. on 24 January, [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] a jet bomber took off from the east-west runway every ten minutes. The planes landed at intervals of about 10 minutes. The planes used about 50 percent of the length of the runway for their take-offs. (6) [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] Visibility on that day was limited to about 3 km. 25X1

7. Between 8 and 8:20 a. m. on 30 January, [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 20 jet bombers which were covered with tarpaulins, parked in rows of four or five planes south of the middle of the runway between the runway and the circular taxiway. Some of the aircraft were being refueled. [redacted] 25X1
The first jet bombers took off shortly before 9 a. m. The jet bombers which landed between 3:30 and 4 p. m. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] each of the parked bombers. (7) The weather was clear and visibility was limited to about 1.5 to 2 km. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted]

8. Between 11 a. m. and noon on 31 January, 20 jet bombers were at the field as on the previous day. The tarpaulins were removed from some of the planes. From all of them the protective covers which apparently were of light metal were removed and placed beside the aircraft. The front side of the covers was red. There was no flying.

[redacted] Comments.

- (1) Brand airfield is occupied by the jet bomber regiment, which moved there from Kranenburg in December 1951. According to available information, 27 type-27 or type-30 aircraft, some Po-2s and some Yak-11s are stationed there. [redacted] 25X1
(2) [redacted] 25X1
(3) [redacted] with the bomber regiment in Horneuchen, are also stationed in Brand. However, information to this effect has not been received. 25X1
(4) [redacted]
(5) The plan to construct these buildings was previously reported. For location of the forest districts mentioned, see map 33GS 4444, Sheet No 3948. 25X1
(6) [redacted] unloaded jet bombers require a ground take-off run of about 1,000 meters. 25X1
(7) [redacted]

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